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very, very hard, who are not just individual staff, but they're are staff for all of us. At this point in time I'd like to recognize all the committee staff and offer our appreciation to (Applause) Our individual staff are extremely important And I think that it's appropriate for us to to all of us. recognize them in mass, and thank our individual staff as well. (Applause) Another group that we deal with, and we rely on heavily, is the Revisors Office, headed by Joanne Pepperl, her staff. And, certainly up on the same floor is the Legislative Technology staff that we rely on. We thank all of you. We know you're listening and watching, as every day. Thank you very much. (Applause) The Unicameral Information Office, provides people with a very unbiased and informative narrative of what we do every day. The Bill Room allows people to read what we produce, and what we pass. The Transcribers labor long and hard, listening to all of your voices, and some of you more then (Laughter) Legislative Accounting makes sure that we're paid and our per diems. The Research Office provides us with a wide range of knowledge, information, and history. And we want to make sure at this point in time we thank all of those offices for their hard work, and their assistance this last (Applause) Our Sergeant at Arms have been dutiful this year. We appreciate your patience with us. We'd like to thank you at this point in time. (Applause) There are those who are standing with blue vests, with their leader; Kitty, thank you so much for doing what you do. Pages, thank you. We hope you've found your experience with the Unicameral, this year, very fulfilling. As you may know, there's a lot of new equipment up here, with the voting boards, and the microphones and so on. And it's not just a job where you show up in the morning and blindly go through. Pages this year who have worked those have been very diligent, and I really appreciate the time and effort that you put forth. Pages, thank you. (Applause) If you think that I'm killing time, I'm not, but I do want to give the Governor some opportunity to review those bills. And if there are any vetoed I want to make sure the Legislature has the last chance to act this year. Please be seated. We're...there's a couple of things I want to leave you with this year. When we started in January we were facing two sessions! worth of work. There are a lot of people who didn't think we had the opportunity to get that session...this session completed.